

**MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission") is considering the adoption of Commission Regulation MCEQ-3, governing Administrative Procedures.

I. Substance of the Proposed Regulation MCEQ-3, Administrative Procedures.

The purpose of the proposed regulation is to satisfy requirements of the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act, Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-43-1.101, *et seq.* (Rev. 2003), that all state agencies, including the Commission and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ"), provide rules for "the form, contents and filing of written requests for declaratory opinions," for "the procedural rights of persons in relation to the written requests," and for "disposition of the written requests." Agencies must "adopt as a rule a description of the organization and the agency which states the general course and method of its operations," and may also adopt rules of practice for rule-making.

II. Manner by Which the Public May Comment.

Any interested party may submit written comments regarding proposed Regulation MCEQ-3, Administrative Procedures, to MDEQ Legal Division, P. O. Box 20305, Jackson, Mississippi, 39289-1305. In order to be considered, written comments must be received by MDEQ no later than the close of business on Wednesday, October 19, 2005. Members of the public also may present verbal comments and/or submit written comments at the public hearing described below.

III. Notice of Public Hearing.

The Commission will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed Regulation MCEQ-3 on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room at the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, 2380 Highway 80 West, Jackson, Mississippi, 39204.

IV. Additional Information.

To request a copy of the proposed Regulation MCEQ-3, Administrative Procedures, or any additional information, contact Mary Jacq Easley, Senior Attorney, by telephone at (601) 961-5369, or by e-mail at mary_jacq_easley@deq.state.ms.us. Written requests may be sent to MDEQ Legal Division, P. O. Box 20305, Jackson, Mississippi, 39289-1305.